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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ooshima et al.

Serial No. 09/885,871

Filing Date: 06/20/2001

For: "Spin Valve Type Thin Film Magnetic Element"

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) Examiner: Julie A. Watko

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) Group Art Unit: 2652
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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Patent Office Action, mailed March 11, 2004 in the above referenced application. Applicants submit that this reply is now fully responsive to the Patent Office Action mailed on November 10, 2003 and will replace the previously reply mailed on March 1, 2004. Applicants respectfully

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request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 3 and 5 – 19 in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4138
Serial No. 09/885,871	Filing Date June 20, 2001	Examiner Julie A. Watko	Group Art Unit 2652
Inventor(s) Masahiro Ooshima, et al.			
Title of Invention SPIN VALVE TYPE THIN FILM MAGNETIC ELEMENT			

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Transmitted herewith are Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Amendment B in Response to Office Action dated March 11, 2004; Check for \$172.00 for additional claims fee; and Return Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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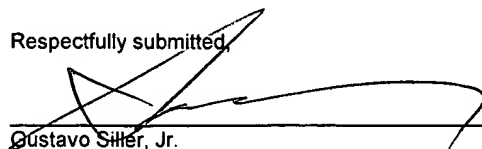
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